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IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 6, 7, and 11-14, amend claims 1, 8, and 10, and add new claims 15-24 as follows:

1. (currently amended) A conveying path for articles, in particular for baggage containers, said conveying path comprising:

at least two spaced-apart conveyors which support articles, said at least two spaced-apart conveyors running parallel in a conveying direction, at least one of said conveyors having a driven endlessly circulating conveying belt guided over deflecting wheels wherein the articles can be carried on a top side of a top strand of said conveying belt;

carrying rollers arranged one behind the other in the conveying direction, between the deflecting wheels in order to support the conveying belt;

a drive, said drive causing the circumferential speed of this carrying roller to equal the running speed of the conveying belt even if the top strand is not resting on the carrying roller; wherein said conveying belt comprises a toothed belt.

2. (original) The conveying path as claimed in claim 1 wherein said drive comprises pressure-exerting rollers which are arranged parallel to said carrying rollers and press a bottom strand of said conveying belt in a frictionally locking manner, from beneath against said carrying rollers.

3. (original) The conveying path as claimed in claim 2, wherein each of said pressure-exerting rollers is arranged between said carrying rollers as seen in the conveying direction.

4. (original) The conveying path as claimed in claim 3, wherein each of said pressure-exerting roller is arranged with an overlapping relationship to said carrying roller.

5. (original) The conveying path as claimed in claim 4, wherein the overlap of each of said pressure-exerting rollers in relation to said carrying roller is 5 mm.

6. (canceled)

7. (canceled)

8. (currently amended) The conveying path as claimed in claim 7, wherein said carrying rollers comprise toothed rollers corresponding to said toothed belt, whereby engagement

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between said toothed belt and said toothed rollers ensure that said carrying rollers are positively driven.

9. (original) The conveying path as claimed in claim 8, wherein a toothed side of said toothed belt has a crosspiece which projects from a surface of said conveying belt and runs parallel to a longitudinal dimension of said conveying belt, wherein articles may be carried on a non-toothed side of said toothed belt.

10. (currently amended) The conveying path as claimed in claim 7_1, wherein a toothed side of said toothed belt has a crosspiece which projects from a surface of said conveying belt and runs parallel to a longitudinal dimension of said conveying belt, wherein articles may be carried on a non-toothed side of said toothed belt.

11. (canceled)

12. (canceled)

13. (canceled)

14. (canceled)

15. (new) A conveying path for articles, in particular for baggage containers, said conveying path comprising:

at least two spaced-apart conveyors which support articles, said at least two spaced-apart conveyors running parallel in a conveying direction, at least one of said conveyors having a driven endlessly circulating conveying belt guided over deflecting wheels wherein the articles can be carried on a top side of a top strand of said conveying belt;

carrying rollers arranged one behind the other in the conveying direction, between the deflecting wheels in order to support the conveying belt; and

pressure-exerting rollers which are arranged parallel to said carrying rollers and press a bottom strand of said conveying belt in a frictionally locking manner, from beneath against said carrying rollers causing the circumferential speed of this carrying roller to equal the running speed of the conveying belt even if the top strand is not resting on the carrying roller.

16. (new) The conveying path as claimed in claim 15, wherein each of said pressure-exerting roller is arranged with an overlapping relationship to said carrying rollers.

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17. (new) The conveying path as claimed in claim 16, wherein the overlap of each of said pressure-exerting rollers in relation to said carrying rollers is 5 mm.
18. (new) The conveying path as claimed in claim 16, wherein said conveying belt comprises a toothed belt.
19. (new) The conveying path as claimed in claim 18, wherein said carrying rollers comprise toothed rollers corresponding to said toothed belt, whereby engagement between said toothed belt and said toothed rollers ensure that said carrying rollers are positively driven.
20. (new) The conveying path as claimed in claim 19, wherein a toothed side of said toothed belt has a crosspiece which projects from a surface of said conveying belt and runs parallel to a longitudinal dimension of said conveying belt, wherein articles may be carried on a non-toothed side of said toothed belt.
21. (new) A conveying path for articles, in particular for baggage containers, said conveying path comprising:
 - at least two spaced-apart conveyors which support articles, said at least two spaced-apart conveyors running parallel in a conveying direction, at least one of said conveyors having a driven endlessly circulating conveying belt guided over deflecting wheels wherein the articles can be carried on a top side of a top strand of said conveying belt;
 - carrying rollers arranged one behind the other in the conveying direction, between the deflecting wheels in order to support the conveying belt; and
 - pressure-exerting rollers which are arranged parallel to said carrying rollers and press a bottom strand of said conveying belt in a frictionally locking manner, from beneath against said carrying rollers;
 - wherein each of said pressure-exerting roller is arranged between said carrying rollers as seen in the conveying direction causing the circumferential speed of this carrying roller to equal the running speed of the conveying belt even if the top strand is not resting on the carrying roller.
22. (new) The conveying path as claimed in claim 21, wherein each of said pressure-exerting roller is arranged with an overlapping relationship to said carrying roller.
23. (new) The conveying path as claimed in claim 22, wherein the overlap of each of said pressure-exerting rollers in relation to said carrying roller is 5 mm.

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24. (new) The conveying path as claimed in claim 21, wherein said conveying belt comprises a flat belt.